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language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Also, JP-A-61-130904, is discussed and cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application and JP-B2-3332922, JP-A-7-234322 and JP-A-7-234324 are cited and discussed on page 2 of the specification of the present application. Additionally, English-language abstracts, submitted herewith, provide concise statements of relevance for WO-A-01/51977, JP-A-2004-212870, JP-A-2005-031138, JP-A-6-239536, JP-A-7-27928, . JP-A-61-130904, JP-B2-3332922, JP-A-7-234322 and JP-A-7-234324.

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